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1. SUMMARY: SECRETARIAT RESISTANCE TO THE DRAFT RESOLUTION
ON GENEVA MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS (REF B) EMERGED AT A LATE
HOUR, AND HAS REQUIRED COMPROMISE REFORMULATIONS OF PARAGRAPHS
DEALING WITH THE DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY TO UNOG.
END SUMMARY

2. SECRETARIAT RESISTANCE TO UNOG MANAGEMENT REFORMS POINTED
TO IN PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH SIX AND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH
SEVEN OF DRAFT RESOLUTION ON GENEVA G-LEVEL PROBLEM (REF B)
LED BY DECEMBER 16 TO QUIET ARRANGEMENT BY SECRETARIAT
TO HAVE ITEM DEFERRED IN THE FIFTH
COMMITTEE AND ORCHESTRATION OF SECRETARIAT PRESSURES ON
KEY DELEGATIONS. MAIN OBJECTION TURNED OUT TO BE
IMPLICATIONS SECRETARIAT READ INTO THESE PARAGRAPHS OF
EXONERATION OF WINSPEARE AND OTHERS AT UNOG FOR G-LEVEL
PRLBLEMS AND APPEARANCE OF NEW AND DETACHED AUTHORITY
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TO HIM. FURTHER COMPLICATION AROSE FROM THE FACT THAT THE
CANADIAN DELEGATION HAD BEEN UNABLE TO FOCUS A SUFFICIENT
NUMBER OF FIFTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES
INVOLVED IN TIME TO ROUND UP A REGIONALLY BALANCED LIST OF
CO-SPONSORS AND, TEREFORE, HAD MET TIMING REQUIREMENTS
BY TABLING IT AS SOLE SPONSOR. (NIGERIA, COSTA RICA AND

PAKISTAN ANOW ARE PREPARED TO CO-SPONSORS.) AS A RESULT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION INCORRECTLY WAS CONSTRUED WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT TO BE THE PRODUCT OF UNSYG DAVIDSON, THE PRESUMPTION WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT BEING THAT SUCH RESOLUTIONS CONVENTIONALLY ARE INSPIRED PRODUCTS.

3. DAVIDSON AND OTHERS, PRESSED ACTIVELY BY WINSPEARE, HAVE MANAGED BEHIND THE SCENES TO HAVE FIFTH COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF THE JIU REPORT ON THE STRIKE IN GENEVA DEFERRED AS LATE AS POSSIBLE TO MINIMIZE THE TIME AVAILABLE FOR UNFAVORABLE COMMENT. (WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT SOME EVEN TOYED WITH THE IDEA OF WORKING FOR DEFERRAL OF THE ISSUE TO THE NEXT GA, WE WERE INFORMED BY ASYG DEBATIN.) CIRCULATION OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION WITH CANADA AS THE SOLE SPONSOR CAUSED EMBARRASSMENT FOR DAVIDSON, THEREFORE, AS IT CREATED THE IMPRESSION HE HAD INSPIRED IT, AND HE REACTED BY PRESSURING THE CANADAIN DELEGATION TO DELETE IN THEIR ENTIRETY BOTH PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH SIX AND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH SEVEN, AND BY ENLISTING THE INFLUENTIAL FIFTH COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES OF TRINIDAD-TOBAGO AND ALGERIA IN HIS SUPPORT. PARLIAMENTARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE ARE SUCH THAT THIS CHECKMATE IS CREDIBLE.

4. IN HASTY CONSULTATIONS WITH SECRETARIAT REPRESENTATIVES AND THE CANADIAN DELEGATION DECEMBER 16 COMMON GROUND WAS FOUND TENTATIVELY IN THE FOLLOWING REFORMULATIONS OF THE TWO PARAGRAPHS IN QUESTION, WHICH IN OUR VIEW CONTINUE TO SATISFY OUR BASIC OBJECTIVES.

5. (PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH SIX) QTE OBSERVING THAT THE DEGREE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY PRESENTLY DELEGATED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS AT GENEVA SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO ASSURE THE SATISFACTORY MANAGEMENT OF PERSONNEL SERVICES AND THE SATISFACTORY CONDUCT OF STAFF RELATIONS IN THAT OFFICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STAFF REGULATIONS AND STAFF RULES OF THE UNITED NATIONS. UNQTE

6. (OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH SEVEN) QTE EXPRESSES HOPE THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN HIS EXAMINATION OF THE DIFFICULTIES IN PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT DISCUSSED IN THE REPORT OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT, WILL GIVE SUCH POLICY DIRECTION AS MAY BE REQUIRED TO ENSURE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS WHICH EXIST FOR THE DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMENSURATE AUTHORITY TO THE OFFICE OF THE UN AT GENEVA, AS SET OUT IN THE RELEVANT ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS. UNQTE

7. COMMENT: ON AN ISSUE SUCH AS THIS THE FIFTH COMMITTEE CAN BE HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY THE SECRETARIAT AND THE SECRETARIAT IS DEMONSTRATING HOW ADEPT IT IS AS EXTRACTING THE OUTCOME IT SEEKS. DESPITE OUR CAREFUL PRIOR CONSULTATIONS WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS TO OBTAIN THE RPVIATE SUPPORT FOR MANAGEMENT REFORMS INABILITY TO STIMULATE FIFTH COMMITTEE INTEREST IN THE GENEVA PROBLEM IN THEM TO ROUND UP CO-SPONSORS FOR THE CANADIAN RESOLUTION BEFORE ITS INTRODUCTION INADVERTENTLY PLACED A KEY ACTOR WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT, UNSYG DAVIDSON, IN AN EMBARRASSING POSITION AND HANDED A NEW PRESSURE POINT TO PERSONNEL CHIEF GHERAB. THE QUESTION AT ISSUE IS THE DEGREE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY TO BE PLACED IN THE HANDS OF UNOG MANAGERS. FORCES WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT ARE CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH INTERNAL CONFLICTS OVER THIS AND OTHER QUESTIONS, WHILE BEING CONFIDENT THEY HAVE THE UPPER HAND IN BEING ABLE TO MANIPULATE THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (AND ON THIS THEY READILY WILL JOIN FORCES). WE HAVE PROCEEDED FROM THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEGINNING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT SECRETARIAT SUPPORT FOR ANY MANAGEMENT REFORMS WE PROPOSED WOULD BE ESSENTIAL, AND THIS DEVELOPMEND HAS DEMONSTRATED THE CORRECTNESS OF THAT ASSUMPTION. THE COMPROMISE REFORMULATIONS IN PARAGRAPHS FIVE AND SIX ABOVE, WHILE A FALL BACK, REPRESENT THE MAXIMUM CONSENSUS WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT WHICH CAN BE EXACTED T THIS TIME AND DO STILL EMBODY OUR MAIN OBJECTIVE. END COMMENT

8. UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES OBJECTIONS, WE WILL WORK FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REFORMULATIONS IN PARAGRAPHS FIVE AND SIX ABOVE.
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